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A Bill

SENATE BILL 786

4 By: Senators Hopkins, Russ and Boozman
5 By: Representatives Wallace, Critcher, Simon, Wren, Courtway and Stewart

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-7-203(a), (b), AND (c) TO
10 CHANGE THE DATE OF THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE
11 FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES, EXCEPT IN YEARS IN WHICH A
12 PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS HELD; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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18 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE FILING
19 PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES, EXCEPT IN YEARS
20 IN WHICH A PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL
21 PRIMARY ELECTION IS HELD."

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-7-203(a), (b) and (c) respectively are
27 hereby amended to read as follows:

28 "(a) The general primary election shall be held on the *second* Tuesday
29 in August preceding the general election. *However, for a year in which a*
30 *preferential presidential primary election is held, the general primary*
31 *election shall be held on the second Tuesday in June preceding the general*
32 *election.*

33 (b) The preferential primary election shall be held on the Tuesday
34 three (3) weeks prior to the general primary election.

35 (c) Party pledges, if any, and political practice pledges for primary

1 elections shall be filed, and ballot fees shall be paid, during regular
2 office hours in the period beginning at 12:00 noon on the *second* Tuesday in
3 *May* and ending at 12:00 noon on the fourteenth day thereafter, before the
4 preferential primary election. *However, for a year in which a preferential*
5 *presidential primary election is held, party pledges, if any, and political*
6 *practice pledges for primary elections shall be filed, and ballot fees shall*
7 *be paid, during regular office hours in the period beginning at 12:00 noon on*
8 *the third Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00 noon on the fourteenth day*
9 *thereafter, before the preferential primary election.* Party pledges, if any,
10 and political practice pledges shall be filed, and ballot fees for special
11 primary elections shall be paid, on or before the deadline established by
12 proclamation of the Governor. Pledges and ballot fees for a new political
13 party shall be filed and paid as provided in subsection (g) of this section.
14 However, this subsection does not apply to preferential presidential primary
15 candidates."

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17 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
18 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
19 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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21 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
22 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
23 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
24 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 act are declared to be severable.

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27 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
28 hereby repealed.

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30 /s/Hopkins et al

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